

Florence, New Jersey
July 8, 2015

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Sandusky at 8:00 PM. President Sandusky led the Salute to the Flag.

The Opening Statement was read by the Township Clerk: Notice was posted on the municipal bulletin board; placed on the web-site on January 8, 2015; and advertised in the Burlington Co. Times on January 11, 2015. It was also provided to the now defunct Register News for information and sent to the Trenton Times on May 21, 2015.

Present: Frank Baldorossi, Ted Lovenduski, Paul Ostrander, David Woolston, Jerry Sandusky

Also present: Mayor Craig H. Wilkie; Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas A. Sahol, Assistant Administrator; Kelly Grant, Esq., Township Attorney; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

PROMOTIONS AND OATHS

Mayor Wilkie said this evening was a very special occasion and he was proud to be able to swear in these officers to their new positions.

A few months ago he was fortunate enough to honor the 50th Anniversary of the end of watch of Officer Walter Kotch who lost his life in the line of duty. Officers leave their families for work every day and don't know what is going to happen at any moment. Everyone is grateful for that commitment and dedication.

In the past 50 years there have been many Chiefs of Police in Florence Township. He noted who held the position in the past. Back in 1965 there were nine officers on the force. The department has changed a lot over the years.

He said there were some former officers in attendance this evening, including: Chief Gordon Dawson, Captain Joseph Gadbois, Sergeant Tom Centofanti and Chief Stephen Fazekas.

The world has changed and so have responsibilities. He is grateful for the men and women who put their lives on the line every day. They never know what is going to happen from one minute to the next. Today is a special commendation and everyone's thoughts are with the officers. He also extended his thoughts to Chief Al Scully's family. He said he thinks of Chief Scully every day.

At this time he called for **Chief John Bunce** to be sworn in. His family joined him and held the Bible. Mayor Wilkie administered the Oath to Chief Bunce.

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Mayor Wilkie called for **Lieutenant Jonathan Greenberg**. His family held the Bible as Mayor Wilkie administered his Oath.

Mayor Wilkie now called for **Detective Sergeant Albert Jacoby**. His family joined him and held the Bible while Mayor Wilkie administered the Oath.

Sergeant Timothy J. Sadar was now called by Mayor Wilkie. His family held the Bible while his Oath was administered by Mayor Wilkie.

Chief Bunce thanked Mayor Wilkie, Council and the administration for moving the Department forward and being so supportive of it. The reason why the Department is such a fine organization is because of the support. He thanked the officers who took the time to come out and support their fellow officers. He appreciates the support and thanked everyone for coming.

He wanted to recognize that the President of the Burlington County Chiefs of Police Association, Scott Pearlman, was in attendance. They were classmates in the Police Academy. In addition, he wanted to acknowledge others in the audience: Chief Fazekas, Chief Dawson, Captain Gadbois, Sergeant Joe Fabritz, Sergeant Centafanti and Bob Vesci. Last but not least, he thanked his family and friends who came out to support the officers. It is this that allows the officers to go out every day to do the job they do for Florence Township.

He said he began his career in 1994 in Fieldsboro. He was there for about a year before moving on to several other agencies before coming to Florence in 1999, where he finally found his home. He had heard many good things about the organization. He became acclimated very quickly to his career in Florence. During his tenure, the people that he came into contact with were mentors to him and helped to develop his career path. They are a direct reflection of why he was here this evening and without them he doesn't think he would have attained the goals that he set for himself. He feels privileged to be part of the legacy of Florence Township Police Chief. He is also looking forward to the challenges of day to day and the current trends of the times. It is very difficult to be a police officer today. All of the officers he works with in Florence are extremely professional and handle themselves well daily.

He said he would like to recognize the officers being promoted this evening. He couldn't express enough how proud he was of them. They are the epitome of what the organization is. Their hard work, dedication and selflessness are the reasons they achieved their positions. He congratulated the promoted officers and thanked them for their hard work. He hopes to be part of the officers' futures and help them develop the way fellow officers helped him.

He thanked everyone for attending. It has truly been an honor to be in the presence of such a great turn out. The swearing in ceremonies were usually well attended but this was extraordinary. He thanked the FOP President, Detective James Ford, for organizing the reception at the Community Center this evening. He does an extraordinary job with that also.

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Lieutenant Greenberg said he wanted to recognize his wife and children for all of their support over the years, especially during the promotional process. He may have been difficult to live with, but they supported him. He thanked Mayor Wilkie and Council, Administrator Brook and Assistant Administrator Sahol for their support and belief in him. He is proud to be the first lieutenant in the history of Florence Township. It is an honor to stand before everyone at the rank of lieutenant. He looks forward to working with each individual officer. He has worked for other agencies and Florence is by far the finest Police Department around. He looks ahead to moving forward with the officers as the department moves forward with a safe and educated future. He thanked everyone once more.

Detective Sergeant Jacoby thanked his family and friends from other agencies such as the Fire Department, the New Jersey State Police and those who have retired. He appreciated that the department is moving forward and has been provided the opportunity to expand.

Sergeant Sadar thanked his friends and family and especially his wife and kids. Without their love and support he would not be able to do the job. He thanked various agencies he works with in his job and thanked Mayor Wilkie and Council. He learned a lot from many of the former officers that were present this evening and the current officers standing before him. He has big shoes to fill and he looks forward to it.

Mayor Wilkie noted some of the retired officers in attendance. He thanked everyone for coming out.

Administrator Brook said he didn't want to take the spotlight from the men and women there that night. They are a superb Police Department. They are an example of why we live in such a great society. They are incredible people and are beautifully trained and do their job impeccably. We are fortunate to have them here in Florence Township.

Council President Sandusky asked that the parents and family members of the officers rise. He thanked them for being so patient when the officers are on duty. He appreciated their efforts and support and for being so understanding.

Mayor Wilkie said Saturday is the **Patriotic Celebration Day**. The events start at 11:00am. The number of parade participants is up this year. He invited the families of the officers to attend.

He said at this point there would be a short recess and he invited everyone to attend the reception at the Community Center on Main Street in Roebling.

It was the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Baldorossi to have a five minute recess. All ayes.

It was the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to resume the meeting. All ayes.

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MINUTES

Lovenduski made a MOTION; seconded by Ostrander to approve the following minutes. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

- Township Council Regular Sessions – June 3, 2015 and June 17, 2015
- Township Council Closed Session – June 17, 2015

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was the MOTION of Ostrander; seconded by Woolston to receive and file the Court Administrator and Township Clerk's Reports for June and the Tax Collector's Tax Sale Report. Roll call vote – All ayes. Motion Carried.

It was on the MOTION of Woolston; seconded by Lovenduski to approve the **Treasurer's Bill List**.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Unanimous approval. Motion carried.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time.

APPLICATIONS:

- A. Block Party: The Estates at Crossroads, 3rd Annual Block Party
Saturday, 8-22-15 (rain date 8-29) 4:00 – 9:00 pm
- B. On-Premise 50/50 Raffle, Florence Township Civic Association
Sept. 12, 2015, 5:00pm – 10:00pm, Veteran's Park Soccer Field
To benefit the Florence Township Soccer Association
- C. On-Premise Merchandise Raffle, Florence Township Civic Association
Sept. 12, 2015, 5:00pm – 10:00pm, Veteran's Park Soccer Field
To benefit the Florence Township Soccer Association

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi; seconded by Lovenduski to approve Applications A through C. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was the MOTION of Ostrander; seconded by Woolston to close the public comment. Roll call vote - all ayes.

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RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-154

Refund of Permit Fee as per Construction Code Official

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-155

Authorize Refunds of Certain Tax Overpayments

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-156

**Authorizing Lease Agreement Between
The Township of Florence and the
Florence Historical Society for use of
The West Third Street Firehouse**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-157

**Approve Current Estimate No. 3 for
Conversion of Digesters to Sludge Holding Tanks
JEV Construction, LLC
116 West Main Street, Floor 2, Clinton, NJ 08809**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-158

**Deny Request for Release of Water & Sewer Maintenance
Bond (#1089050) for
Phase II for the Manors at Crossroads**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-159

**Authorizing Approval of 2015-2016 Renewal of
Plenary Retail Consumption License
*The Bungalow Corp.***

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-160

**Authorizing Approval of 2015-2016 Renewal of
Plenary Retail Distribution License
*Town Liquor***

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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-161

**Authorizing Approval of 2015-2016 Renewal of
Plenary Retail Consumption License
*Glory Days Ventures, LLC***

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-162

**Authorizing Approval of 2015-2016 Renewal of
Plenary Retail Consumption License
*NPH Florence, LLC***

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-163

**Authorizing the Public Sale of Township Owned Property
*(Motor Vehicles which came into the possession of the Florence Township Police
Department through abandonment or failure of the owners to claim)***

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-164

**Approve Final Reimbursement and Acceptance of Work
2014 Burlington County Park Development Grant**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-165

**Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed
\$2,500,000 Tax Anticipation Notes of 2015 of the
Township of Florence, in the County of Burlington,
State of New Jersey**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-166

**Approve Change Order No. 1 for the Contract for
Florence Township Library Roof Replacement & Related Work
Laurant Construction, 3 Meadows Court
Pennington, NJ 08534**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-167

**Authorizing Approval of 2015-2016 Renewal of
Plenary Retail Distribution License
*Florence Wine & Liquor Shop***

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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-168

**Approve Request for Release of Performance Bonds for
Haines Industrial Center
250 Daniels Way**

Note: Conditioned upon payment of any escrow funds due

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-169

**Approve Request for Release of Performance Bonds for
Haines Industrial Center
1000 John Galt Way**

Note: Conditioned upon payment of any escrow funds due

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-170

**Authorizing Approval of 2015-2016 Renew of
Plenary Retail Distribution License
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It was the MOTION of Lovenduski; seconded by Baldorossi to approve Resolution Nos. 2015-154 through 2015-170.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Unanimous approval. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-14

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF
CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

Non Union Personnel

(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 8/5/15)

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi; seconded by Woolston to approve Ordinance No. 2015-14 and set the public hearing and adoption for August 5, 2015.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Unanimous approval. Motion carried.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-15
AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
CAPTAIN AND LIEUTENANT
2015-2017
(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 8/5/15)**

It was the MOTION of Woolston; seconded by Lovenduski to approve Ordinance No. 2015-14 and set the public hearing and adoption for August 5, 2015.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Unanimous approval. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers: Nothing at this time.

Administration

Mayor

Mayor Wilkie said the parade is this Saturday. The Flag Raising Ceremony is at 11:00am and the parade steps off at noon. The concert begins at 6:00pm with fireworks scheduled for 9:00pm.

The Scouts have organized a very nice program to be immediately after the parade at Nykita Field. It has been a couple of years since there have been activities after the parade. There is a large variety of activities planned for this year. He encouraged everyone to take advantage.

There is an **Eagle Scout** presentation on July 25, 2015. He will not be in the state so he asked that Council President Sandusky attend.

There is also a **100th Birthday** celebration that Council President Sandusky will attend for the Mayor. There is a Council Meeting next week at 8:00pm.

Administrator

Administrator Brook said there was request from the Fire Department asking if when a Tahoe is rotated out of the Police Department, it be given to them. It is a reasonable request, they work extremely well with Florence Township and we are fortunate to have such a great relationship with them. When a vehicle is physically rotated out there would be a resolution to follow the standard procedures for passing a piece of public property to another entity.

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Mayor Wilkie said there is a vehicle that the Fire Department currently has that is costing them a lot of money to keep running. He is not sure if that is what is being taken out but he knows that vehicle is not in good shape.

Administrator Brook said the **Roebbling Museum** has approached the township in the past about selling a pattern periodically. They will be selling another one to benefit the Museum shortly. The museum just wanted be on the record that it is selling another one.

Liberty Property Trust did receive the formal approval from the Planning Board. A Financial Agreement Application Package has been submitted to Florence Township. The ordinance will be introduced at the next meeting and will be adopted in August. The goal is to begin breaking ground by the end of August or early September on the property. They are one of the largest developers in the Delaware Valley area. It says a lot about Florence Township that they were able to attract a company like that to come to the community.

Administrator Brook thanked Solicitor Grant. She put in a massive amount of work, along with Mary Beth Lonergan, the COAH Planner, preparing and filing the Declaratory Judgement for **Affordable Housing**. The State of NJ moved COAH to the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court said the municipalities must go to their local courts even though Florence is one of about 68 municipalities that are certified. It is important for the township to control its own destiny in the future. He wanted to thank both ladies for their efforts.

Assistant Municipal Administrator

Assistant Administrator Sahol said regarding the **Road Program** the contractor anticipates milling and paving Spruce Street, the Riverside Avenue Parking Area and Parrish Lane beginning next week. They will also be starting the paving of the bikeway. There were some areas that needed to be test rolled again for stability. Once that is done, and after the parade weekend, the contractor will be moving on to Cedar Street and Third Street, so they can then get to Boulevard.

The **library roof** is completely sealed and is weather tight. At this point the contractor is waiting on the metal fabricating component so they can put in the caps along the edges and the gutter collection system. By the end of August the company should be able to start the interior finish fit out, the dropped ceilings and install the new high efficiency light fixtures. He will be meeting with the library board shortly to inform them of the proposed schedule.

Division of Law Nothing at this time.

Division of Engineering Nothing at this time.

Unfinished Business Nothing at this time.

New Business Nothing at this time.

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Miscellaneous

Council President Sandusky said the old **Village Tavern**, that is now part of the **Burlington County Community Action Program**, has units that are not in very good shape and some of the windows don't even open. He wanted to know if they are ever inspected when a new tenant moves in, the way houses are required to be checked? Mayor Wilkie said they are not because they don't fall in the township's jurisdiction. He spoke to Assistant Administrator Sahol about this issue last week and there is a meeting scheduled with BCCAP. The inspections are done by the State of NJ because of the type of use. There will be interior and exterior inspections done.

Mayor Wilkie said he remembered when the building first opened in 1996 or 1997 he was surprised the windows were not replaced. He heard there were budget issues. He said it is being addressed and thanked Council President Sandusky for bringing it to Mayor and Council's attention.

Public Comments: Open to the Public

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was the **MOTION** of Woolston; seconded by Baldorossi to close the public portion of the meeting. Roll call vote – all ayes. Unanimous approval.

ADJOURNMENT

8:43 PM MOTION of Lovenduski; seconded by Ostrander to adjourn. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy M. Weiler, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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